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REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation and acceptance the Examiner's amendments received with the Notice of Allowance. Applicant submits that the amendments are proper and no further amendments to the claims are required.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that the statement of Reasons for Allowance refers to limitations not present in each of the claims. In particular, in the reasons for allowance, the Examiner states:

The prior art of record does not suggest or teach a method of friction welding, particularly the elongate member having a width smaller than the width of the cell such that the elongate member maintains the passage between the structural members.

Pages 5-6 of the "Detailed Action" included with the Notice of Allowance.

Applicant respectfully notes that allowed independent Claim 52 is directed to a method for manufacturing a friction welded, expanded structural assembly, and does not recite any relationship between the size of the elongate members and the width the cells. Similarly, Claims 53-60 do not recite such a feature.

Consideration of the foregoing comments is requested, and Applicant further respectfully requests that the Examiner either withdraw the statement of reasons for allowance or revise the statement to conform to the scope of the claims. In the absence of further action from the Examiner, the Applicant will assume that the comments above are agreeable to the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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